

Six Sigma[®]

Ranch, Vineyards & Winery

THE VINEYARDS OF SIX SIGMA RANCH

For the casual passer-by, Six Sigma Ranch, Vineyards & Winery in Lake County, CA, may look like just another vineyard with rows of lush grapevines resting their outstretched arms on taut catch-wires. However, a closer look will reveal that the property is much more than a place to grow grapes.

In 1999, when looking for land that would fulfill Kaj & Else's Ahlmann's dream of owning a vineyard, they selected 4,300 acres in Lower Lake, CA. This area, 50 minutes north of Napa Valley, is known for its natural beauty and the endless possibilities the land offers. With vineyard development taking up just a small percentage of the Ranch, Kaj & Else's primary concern turned to land conservation. In order to ensure that most of their land retained its natural state, they dedicated the remainder of the property as a nature preserve through a conservation easement donated to the Golden State Land Conservancy.

Else's Vineyard was planted in 2001 on a picturesque slope near the site of a historic stage coach stop, two miles from the Ranch entrance. The three-acre vineyard is planted to Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc.

Rootstock: 101-14 and 3309
Spacing: 5 by 4
First harvested: October 2004



Christian's Vineyard, ten acres planted in 2002, is located in the Diamond Mine area at the southernmost part of the ranch. The Diamond Mine derives its name from "Lake County Diamonds," small volcanic-made pieces of quarts that litter the ground and glimmer in the sunlight. This vineyard is planted to Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Tempranillo.

Rootstock: 101-14 and 44-53
Spacing: 6 by 5
First harvested: September 2005

Michael's Vineyard, twelve acres located at the Ranch entrance, welcomes visitors with astounding beauty. This vineyard was planted in 2004 to Sauvignon Blanc placed in irregular blocks between oak trees. Although less cost-efficient to develop, Kaj and Else believe it is worth the extra effort to retain the natural setting.

Rootstock: 101-14, 5BB, SO4, St. George, and 110R
Spacing: 8 by 5
First harvested: September 2006

Marianne & Annette's Vineyards were planted in the fall of 2007 to Cabernet Sauvignon, Tempranillo, Petit Verdot, Merlot, Syrah and Graciano. The 25 acres are located in the Diamond Mine area of the Ranch.

Future Development

105 acres remain permitted for future development.

"Six Sigma Ranch is home not only to our vineyards but also to wildlife and vegetation of all varieties. With approximately 4,300 acres, we are just beginning to explore all of the opportunities the ranch offers."

~ Kaj Ahlmann, proprietor

